

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 757

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WHITE.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 191.500, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 335.230, and 335.257, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to medical student loan programs.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 191.500, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525,  
2 335.230, and 335.257, RSMo, are repealed and six new sections  
3 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.500,  
4 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 335.230, and 335.257, to read as  
5 follows:

191.500. As used in sections 191.500 to 191.550,  
2 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
3 following terms mean:

4 (1) "Area of defined need", a community or section of  
5 an urban area of this state which is certified by the  
6 department of health and senior services as being in need of  
7 the services of a physician to improve the patient-doctor  
8 ratio in the area, to contribute professional physician  
9 services to an area of economic impact, or to contribute  
10 professional physician services to an area suffering from  
11 the effects of a natural disaster;

12 (2) "Department", the department of health and senior  
13 services;

14 (3) "Eligible student", a full-time student accepted  
15 and enrolled in a formal course of instruction leading to a  
16 degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy,

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**



17 **including psychiatry, at a participating school, or a doctor**  
18 **of dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine, or a bachelor**  
19 **of science degree in dental hygiene;**

20 (4) "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid by  
21 the state of Missouri to a qualified applicant pursuant to  
22 sections 191.500 to 191.550;

23 (5) "Participating school", an institution of higher  
24 learning within this state which grants the degrees of  
25 doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy, and which is  
26 accredited in the appropriate degree program by the American  
27 Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association,  
28 **or a degree program by the American Dental Association or**  
29 **the American Psychiatric Association, and applicable**  
30 **residency programs for each degree type and discipline;**

31 (6) "Primary care", general or family practice,  
32 internal medicine, pediatric [or], **psychiatric**, obstetric  
33 and gynecological care as provided to the general public by  
34 physicians licensed and registered pursuant to chapter 334,  
35 **dental practice, or a dental hygienist licensed and**  
36 **registered pursuant to chapter 332;**

37 (7) "Resident", any natural person who has lived in  
38 this state for one or more years for any purpose other than  
39 the attending of an educational institution located within  
40 this state;

41 (8) "Rural area", a town or community within this  
42 state which is not within a "standard metropolitan  
43 statistical area", and has a population of six thousand or  
44 fewer inhabitants as determined by the last preceding  
45 federal decennial census or any unincorporated area not  
46 within a standard metropolitan statistical area.

191.515. An eligible student may apply to the  
2 department for a loan under sections 191.500 to 191.550 only



3 if, at the time of his application and throughout the period  
4 during which he receives the loan, he has been formally  
5 accepted as a student in a participating school in a course  
6 of study leading to the degree of doctor of medicine or  
7 doctor of osteopathy, **including psychiatry, or a doctor of**  
8 **dental surgery, a doctor of dental medicine, or a bachelor**  
9 **of science degree in dental hygiene,** and is a resident of  
10 this state.

191.520. No loan to any eligible student shall exceed  
2 **[seven thousand five hundred] twenty-five thousand** dollars  
3 for each academic year, which shall run from August first of  
4 any year through July thirty-first of the following year.  
5 All loans shall be made from funds appropriated to the  
6 medical school loan and loan repayment program fund created  
7 by section 191.600, by the general assembly.

191.525. No more than twenty-five loans shall be made  
2 to eligible students during the first academic year this  
3 program is in effect. Twenty-five new loans may be made for  
4 the next three academic years until a total of one hundred  
5 loans are available. At least one-half of the loans shall  
6 be made to students from rural areas as defined in section  
7 191.500. An eligible student may receive loans for each  
8 academic year he is pursuing a course of study directly  
9 leading to a degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of  
10 osteopathy, **doctor of dental surgery, or doctor of dental**  
11 **medicine, or a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene.**

335.230. Financial assistance to any qualified  
2 applicant shall not exceed **[five] ten** thousand dollars for  
3 each academic year for a professional nursing program and  
4 shall not exceed **[two thousand five hundred] five thousand**  
5 dollars for each academic year for a practical nursing  
6 program. All financial assistance shall be made from funds



7 credited to the professional and practical nursing student  
8 loan and nurse loan repayment fund. A qualified applicant  
9 may receive financial assistance for each academic year he  
10 remains a student in good standing at a participating school.

335.257. Successful applicants for whom loan payments  
2 are made under the provisions of sections 335.245 to 335.259  
3 shall verify to the department twice each year, [in June and  
4 in December,] in the manner prescribed by the department  
5 that qualified employment in this state is being maintained.

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